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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Acting Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Proposed Approval of Legal Services Contract –
Best Best & Krieger LLP

Attached for your review is an updated agreement with Best Best & Krieger LLP for the continued provision of legal services for LAFCO (Attachment 1).

The existing contract, which was approved by the Commission in May 2001, locked in a fee schedule for legal services. Over the last three years, the cost of living as measured by the All Urban Consumers, Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Counties calculation has increased by approximately 6.6 percent. The updated contract includes a revised fee schedule reflecting this increase and an automatic Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for future years. All other provisions within the proposed contract are consistent with the current BB&K LLP contract.

Counsels Clark Alsop and Scott Smith have done an exemplary job of serving the Commission and its staff. They head a highly professional team that has become an integral part of our LAFCO staff. They are committed to excellence in their work, are responsive and timely to all staff and Commission requests, and are highly regarded among cities and other agencies which routinely interface with LAFCO. I believe LAFCO is extremely fortunate to have BB&K LLP providing legal services to staff and your Commission.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the updated contract with Best Best & Krieger LLP.

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Respectfully submitted,

BOB ALDRICH

Attachment

1. Updated Best Best & Krieger LLP Contract